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sections of the bill that was passed last year. The changes proposed by the amendments would, number one, allow the taxpayer to receive the federal charitable deduction which was, as we realized, greater than the state deduction that we were creating last year, and a state charitable deduction, that being the LB 28 credit. Secondly, it cuts the percentage in half, from 30 percent for individual contributions to 15 percent, and from corporations to (sic) 20 to 10 percent. And to reduce the maximum credit that can be received in any year for individuals, corporations, or estates from \$10,000 to \$5,000. The net effect of that would be to cut down the size of the A bill considerably, but at the same time create a tax incentive that would be greater to give to a foundation than to simply give it to a charitable organization on an operations use basis. In other words, the endowment giving gets better treatment than straight charitable giving. There's a cap to it, however. There's a maximum, so it can't displace these things. However, the more our charitable giving gets into the hands of endowments that are permanent and are building value, the more you can move their operations from yearly giving to the long-term endowment-based giving, so hopefully it will have that effect. These changes would be operative for the 2006 tax year, the same as for LB 28, which was last year, which projected itself a year ahead so that we're not moving up or back, the ultimate application of this system, and that is that we're going to be doing it for the 2006 tax year. Those are the committee amendments. I would ask for their adoption.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Chairman Landis. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments. Open for discussion. Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. I want to thank the Revenue Committee for cutting this down. Even though it's not going to be as aggressive a help to endowments, and I don't know whether it will be used as much as we had hoped in the future, I believe that this is a sustainable amount. We don't know the fiscal note until we adopt the committee (sic) and move it on, so on Select File we should have a better handle on what the exact cost. But it will be dramatically less than the fiscal note now. I urge the body to accept the Revenue